

## ScoutsCymru Dragon Award



The Dragon Award recognises the importance of outdoor nights away experiences for our Young People. These experiences include camping, bivouacs, and expeditions in different, challenging and sometimes unusual environments throughout the year.

This Award encourages Scout Troops, Explorer Scout Units, Scout Network and their Leaders to camp more in unfamiliar places. This Award recognises the contribution camping makes to building successful teams and the effort young people and their leader teams make in achieving our top awards.

There are three Dragon awards - Bronze, Silver and Gold that each have different challenges built around achieving the top awards and having fun. For each award you must camp in every month of the year and this can be spread over several years. There is no time limit for each award.

## Bronze Award Requirements

Camp outside in every month of the year in a least 5 different locations that meets either the Nights Away Permit Scheme campsite, greenfield or light expedition categories. The remaining 7 camps can be in the same or different locations. No more than 3 camps can be at a Scout Hall or in a back garden.

## Silver Award Requirements

You must have completed the Bronze Award.

Complete 12 challenges from the list below.

Camp outside in every month of the year. The completed challenges must be in at least eight different locations that meets either the Nights Away Permit Scheme campsite, greenfield or light expedition categories. The remaining 4 camps can be in the same or different locations.

1. At a camp take part in a new adventurous activity that you have not done before.
2. The camping skills challenge. In a single camp complete the following tasks:
  - Take part in a wide game;
  - Take part in a campfire or other entertainment;
  - Cook a backwoods meal with the group; and
  - Show how to pack a rucksack correctly, with appropriate kit for the camp.
3. Complete an expedition or an exploration over two days with at least three other Scouts.
4. Camp with scouts from another country.
5. Camp with a friend you wish to introduce to Scouting.
6. Camp in a large wooded area or forest.
7. Camp on any island that is not a country and is surrounded by water.
8. Camp as part of an activity to promote Scouting.
9. Camp with no more than 3 other members of your Troop, Unit, or Network.
10. Camp at an Area / County Camp Site.
11. Camp at a District Camp Site.
12. Camp at a District, Area, or Welsh event.
13. Camp with your section for seven consecutive nights.

14. Camp in Wales and use the Welsh language.
15. Camp in Wales and visit a CADW site.
16. Camp at Gilwell Park or Brownsea Island.
17. Camp with a recognised youth organisation that is not Scouting.
18. Sleep\* in a hammock off the ground.
19. Camp on a farm.
20. Camp in a traditional tent from another country.
21. Camp on ground that is no more than 10 metres above sea level.
22. Camp at a family event organised by your Troop, Unit or Group.
23. Sleep\* on a boat as part of a scouting activity.
24. Camp as part of a 3-day expedition in the UK with similar aims to those of the Explorer Belt.
25. Camp as part of a two day and one-night expedition in rural country by foot, cycle, horse, canoe, boat or dinghy.

## Gold Award Requirements

You must have completed the Silver Award

Complete 12 Challenges from the list below. Camp outside in every month of the year.

You can also use up to three challenges from the Silver Award list providing you have not used these challenges to gain the Silver Award.

The completed challenges must be in at least 10 different locations. The remaining two camps can be in the same or different locations.

26. Complete six nights away camping as an Explorer Scout.
27. Camp as part of a minimum three-day, two-night (consecutive) self-led expedition in wild country by foot, cycle, horse, canoe, boat or dinghy.
28. Camp as part of a 7-day Expedition in the UK with similar aims to those of the Explorer Belt.
29. Take part in a project with an international development organisation.
30. Attend an International Camp in the United Kingdom.
31. Take part in a project at a campsite abroad, such as Kandersteg.
32. Camp in a country outside of the United Kingdom.
33. Camp as part in an environmental or community-based project to make an improvement in your local environment or community.
34. Attend a camp in another country, for instance, a Jamboree or Moot.

35. Take part in a residential Scouts of the World Award (SOWA), discovery event.
36. Camp at 0 degree centigrade or below.
37. Camp at least 500 metres above sea level.
38. Camp using the Nights Away Event Passport.
39. Camp on greenfield site.
40. With a group of at least three others, take part in a survival exercise lasting two nights. The group should:
  - construct a shelter of natural or salvaged materials and sleep in it;
  - cook all meals over an open fire; and
  - cook without utensils or aluminium foil (although a knife may be used).
41. Camp in Scotland.
42. Camp in Northern Ireland or Ireland.
43. Camp in the snow.
44. Sleep\* under the stars.
45. Sleep\* out as part of an activity supporting homeless awareness for example an organised sleepout.
46. Camp in an unusual place.
47. Camp as part of a Scouting Inclusion project.
48. Camp 2 metres above the ground once a risk assessment has been completed and the challenge has been shown to be safe.
49. Camp at a Youth Shaped Scouting event.
50. At a camp complete a Module or Mission for the Explorer Scout Young Leaders' Scheme.

## FAQ

### **Who can do the Dragon Award?**

All three Dragon Awards are open to Young People in the Scout, Explorer and Network sections and any adult member in Scouting.

The Awards are progressive, and you must do them in order of Bronze followed by Silver and then Gold. This recognises and rewards members who are nights away active.

The individual awards do not have to be achieved within one calendar year and can cross into as many years and sections as it takes to complete the Award.

### **What are the Dragon Award Challenges?**

There is a list of Challenges for the Silver and Gold Awards. The challenges in each award can be done in any order.

You can record your completed challenges on the record card downloadable from the ScoutsCymru [website](#), on a spreadsheet or even as a photolog. An example photolog can also be found on our [website](#)

### **What is a camp?**

A camp consists of one or more nights in a tent or a shelter (see the Scout Association's Victorinox Survival Skill Shelter Resource).

Where necessary, an adult with a relevant Nights Away Permit should be involved and this doesn't prevent the Young Leader or Scout Network member with an active leadership appointment from planning or delivering the actual experience. Nights Away Permit holders may also be required to issue Nights Away Event Passports for peer-led camps.

Camps that use a large Scout managed campsite can count as different locations providing each camp is in a different type of environment for example a grassed field, woodland area or greenfield site.

Camps of two nights or more that include more than one month can count for two challenges provided the two challenges are undertaken in different months.

### **Must it always be under canvas?**

For the Silver and Gold Awards a camp can include up to two recognised residential courses.

If the challenge starts with sleep (marked\*), you do not have to be under canvas

### **Who awards the Dragon Award?**

The Bronze Award can be awarded by your Section Leader once you have camped every month of the year.

The Silver Award can be awarded by your District or Area on completion of the challenges.

The Gold Award is awarded by ScoutsCymru. You must register using [this form](#) and complete 12 challenges. On completion the Gold Request Form (which can be found on our [website](#)) must be completed and sent in, along with the record card, spreadsheet or photolog. The personal information collected through this form will solely be used for the administration of the ScoutsCymru Dragon Award. This information will be kept for 3 months after you have informed us that you have completed the award, after that it will be destroyed. If at any time you wish for your information to be removed or if you have any questions regarding our data protection policies, please contact [dataprotection@scoutscymru.org.uk](mailto:dataprotection@scoutscymru.org.uk)

### **Leaders undertaking the Award Challenges**

Leaders can complete up to five challenges in each of the Silver and Gold awards if they are organising and staying overnight at camp or expedition that allows 4 young people to complete an individual Dragon Award challenge.

### **What if I have already started the Dragon Award under the old scheme?**

The nights away events and completed challenges can still count towards the new award and you have until the end of February 2020 to complete the Dragon Award under the old scheme if you wish to do so.

You can start the new award and challenges from 1 March 2019, with any challenges you have completed under the old scheme still counting towards achieving the new Dragon Award.

### **Will the Dragon Award now have a certificate?**

Leaders can get a pdf template certificate from ScoutsCymru for Bronze and Silver Awards. Printed certificates can also be purchased from the ScoutsCymru Headquarters.

Arrangements for the Gold Award are different, a printed certificate will come with the badge. In addition, for Welsh participants if requested, a Commissioner Wales will present the certificate at an event. To request a visit from a Commissioner please complete this [form](#)

### **Cost of Badges**

£1.65 - Bronze & Silver (badge only)

£1.65 – Gold (badge only)

£2.50 – Gold (includes printed certificate sent in hardback envelope)

All prices include postage and packaging